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2014 Infant and Toddler Subsidy Rate Increase Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of OSSE making a change in the Market Rate?

The purpose is three fold: (1) Enhance the quality of child care through financial supports; (2) Assist community based centers and homes in reaching high-quality standards; and (3) Increase the availability of high quality programs participating in the Child Care Subsidy Provider Reimbursement Program.

The number of parents needing financial assistance to pay for child care has grown along with the cost of child care, but the funding available has not been increased to meet the need. A market rate increase is being implemented to make the District of Columbia Child Care Subsidy Program more efficient to increase quality and build capacity for serving infants & toddlers. These policy changes are seen as the best way to ensure that eligible families can continue to be served without freezing rates, increasing copays, or restricting eligibility.

What are the Child Care Subsidy Reimbursement Rates?

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education reimburses approved licensed child development facilities a daily rate for care based on service type (the age of the child, such as infant or toddler) and location of care (such as a home or center).

When will the new rates take effect?

The new rates will be effective October 1, 2013.

When will I see the increased rate?

The increased rate will be included in the November 2013 payment.

What services will be affected by the new rates?

The new rate increase will apply to infant and toddler services and will affect all community based organizations currently participating in the OSSE Child Care Subsidy Provider Program.

If I am currently a provider that participates in the Subsidy Reimbursement Program is there anything I need to do?

No. The rate increase will be automatic.

Should I increase my rates to match OSSE's reimbursement rates?

Providers may not charge the District more for services than they charge private consumers for the same service. Therefore, before raising rates providers must consider the financial impact of increased rates will have on the private pay families they serve.

If I am not a provider that participates in the OSSE Subsidy Reimbursement Program is there anything I need to do?

If you are interested in participating in the OSSE Provider Subsidy Program and you are currently a licensed child care provider in the District of Columbia, please contact Sheena King at 202-727- 8129/sheena.king@dc.gov or NyKisha Haley 202-442-5860/nykisha.haley@dc.gov to attend one of the upcoming orientations listed below:



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Information Session Date	Deadline to Register	Time	Location	Participant Capacity
October 16, 2013	October 11, 2013	1:00pm-4:00pm	810 First Street NE Washington DC 20002 Third Floor	35
Application Session Date	Deadline to Register	Time		Participant Capacity
October 29, 2013	October 25, 2013	1:00pm-4:00pm		35

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

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